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PILOTLESS TARGET AIRCRAFT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has initiated Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA);

(b) if so, the details including date of sanction of the project, date of completion of the project and present status of the project;

(c) whether PTA has been cleared for production;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any delay in completion of project;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the time by which production of PTA is likely to be taken in hand?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): An order was placed on Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in May 1998 for manufacturing structures for Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) under limited series production. Against the order, HAL made deliveries in 1998-1999 and 1999-2000.

(c) to (f): Price negotiations have been completed for series production of PTA for customers. Series production will be launched by HAL on receipt of orders.

(g) Production of PTA will commence after placement of orders.